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Partial Re-Opening of Many State Businesses Still Set for May 20

BY ANDY HART

With hospitalizations for the Coronavirus continuing to decline in Connecticut, Governor Ned Lamont is sticking with his plan to allow the re-opening of many businesses in the state next Wednesday, May 20.

Starting Wednesday, restaurants, offices, non-essential retail stores and many professional services, such as hair salons and barber shops will be allowed to re-open. The State had originally included nail salons in the list of businesses that could re-open May 20, but has since ordered that they remain closed until later in the recovery process.

But few in Connecticut are expecting life to return to normal next Wednesday or any time soon, for that matter.

All businesses that re-open must follow strict restrictions designed to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Restaurants, for instance, will only be allowed to have outdoor dining. Tables must be spaced at least six feet apart. Hand sanitizers must be available at the entrance. Employees must wear face masks. Indoor dining and bar

for a separate patio or extension of use permit

- Allows private clubs to sell alcohol only to their members for delivery or pickup

Restrictions for barber shops and hair salons will be as strict as those for restaurants. Hair cuts and styling will be done by appointment only, there will be no waiting inside the shop. Barber chairs must be six feet apart. Hand sanitizers must be readily available. Employees and customers must wear masks. Employees must receive training in proper safety procedures.

Offices are also scheduled to re-open next Wednesday, but employees who are able to work from home are being encouraged to do so.

As businesses start to re-open, however, questions remain regarding customer demand. According to a poll conducted by Quinnipiac University and released on Wednesday, May 6, approximately 72 percent of the people who responded indi-



Free Coronavirus Testing Site Draws 298 2nd Free Testing Clinic to be held May 21

On Tuesday, May 12, 298 people were tested for the Coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) at a special pop-up clinic in the parking lot of Phillips Metropolitan C.M.E Church, 2500 Main Street in Hartford's North End. Among those who were tested for the virus was Hartford resident John Pearl (above, left) who is shown displaying his identification to Hartford Hospital's Beth Dean and Elizabeth Scrivano. The pop-up clinic was a collaboration between the City of Hartford, Hartford Hospital, Phillips Metropolitan C.M.E. Church and Harriott Home Services, coordinated by State Senator Douglas McCrory and former Deputy Mayor I. Charles Mathews and others. Mathews said due to the popularity of Tuesday's free testing clinic, it will be held again next Thursday, May 21, from 8 am - 4 pm at the same place, Phillips Metropolitan C.M.E Church, 2500 Main Street. To register, call Harriott Health Services at 860-904-9045. Call will be received 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Walk-ins will also be accepted. The clinic will be open to anyone over the age of 12 (those under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian); no insurance will be required and undocumented residents will be accepted. Each test takes approximately three minutes and results can be expected in one to three days. All those being tested must wear face masks and follow social distancing regulations. (Hart photo)

Coronavirus Crisis in Greater Hartford

TOWN	Confirmed Cases	Case Rate per 100,000 people	Deaths
HARTFORD	1571	1282	118
Bloomfield	351	1648	63
East Hartford	564	1128	69
West Hartford	390	620	74
Wethersfield	197	755	9
Windsor	376	1307	91

Source: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health. Updated Monday, May 11.

areas must remain closed, along with any extra amenities, such as dance floors, pool tables and playgrounds. Capacity will be limited to 50 percent of normal. Menus must be disposable or written on a chalk board or electronic display. Reusable menus will be prohibited.

Lamont is taking some steps to assist restaurants on their road to recovery. On Tuesday, the governor's latest executive order mandated the following measures:

- Allows municipalities to expedite changes to their zoning rules or other ordinances to expand outdoor dining
- Creates an expedited approval process for restaurants and other establishments that serve food to get fast-tracked permission to create or expand outdoor dining areas
- Allows other businesses such as retail stores to get fast-tracked permission to sell goods on the sidewalk or in other outdoor areas, including shared spaces or spaces provided by municipalities
- Allows restaurants and other businesses who already have liquor permits to serve alcohol only with food without applying

cated they would not feel comfortable going to restaurants or bars if the Coronavirus restrictions were lifted in the next few weeks. The poll also found that approximately 80 percent of those who responded would feel uncomfortable going to a large sports or entertainment event if such activities were allowed in the next few weeks.

While next Wednesday's re-opening is certainly a promising step, the pandemic will have a devastating effect on life in Hartford for the next several weeks and probably late into the summer. The city's two major sports teams, Yard Goats and Hartford Athletic, are idle. Major events, such as the Puerto Rican Parade have been canceled, as have most smaller ones, such as community clean-ups. Churches remain empty and even when they are allowed to re-open, they will almost certainly have to follow severe restrictions and many people will still feel uncomfortable sitting in a large crowd.

Connecticut and Hartford officials are now concentrating more on testing as many people as possible for the Coronavirus (see photo, this page). Only when the vast majority of Connecticut residents have been tested and cleared can life in our state return to something vaguely resembling "normal."

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



The old "Isle of Safety" with its red tile roof was a fixture in Downtown Hartford for decades. Located on State Street just east of Main Street, the shelter was originally designed for trolley riders, as can be seen from the photo above. It was later used by city bus riders. In the 1980s, this portion of State Street was converted into a pedestrian walkway and the Isle of Safety was removed as part of the building of State Street Square. As I recall, it was first placed in an empty lot on the south side of Trumbull Street, near City Place. It is now at the East Windsor Trolley Museum. In the photo above, the view is looking east down State Street from Main Street. The buildings in the distance at left were demolished to make way for Constitution Plaza. At right is the Old State House. At center, behind the Old State House, is the old Hartford Post Office. When it was torn down, the city's main post office was transferred to the Federal Building on High Street and, in the early 1990's, to its current facility in the North Meadows. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)

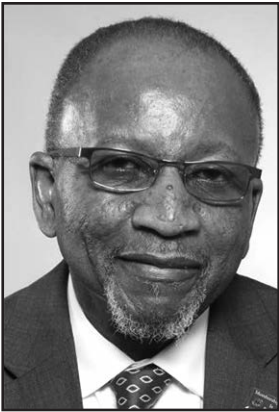


KNOX Plant Sale

Despite relatively chilly temperatures, KNOX's annual three-day Mothers Day Plant Sale was a success last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Proceeds benefit KNOX programs, which use horticulture to improve the quality of life for Hartford residents through tree plantings, clean-ups, community gardens and other initiatives. Claudette Constant is shown above checking out some potted seedlings while Patrick Doyle, KNOX Executive Director waits to take her order (at a safe social distance). (Hart photo)

OBITUARY

Abdul-Shahid Ansari



Abdul-Shahid "Muhammad" Ansari was born in Leslie, Georgia on September 26, 1937 to Julia Mae Abrom and Luther Watts. His birth name was L.C. Watts. He came to Hartford in 1944 where he was raised and spent the greater part of his life. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954 and was stationed in South Carolina and later deployed to Korea. In 1957 he married Sarah J. Myers of Georgetown, South Carolina. They had six children: Rosiland Watts Ziglar (James), Larry Watts, (Michelle), Umar Watts, Jamal Watts, Tori Watts, and Devron Dwayne Watts, (Wanda).

In 1960 he joined the Nation of Islam under the leadership of Elijah Muhammad and in 1975 he joined the following of Imam Warith Deen Muhammad, son of Elijah Muhammad, proponent of Orthodox Islam. At that time he changed his name to Abdul-Shahid Ansari. In 1985 he married Lisa Abdullah (later changed to Imani Ansari) and they had two children together, Rafia Ansari and Khadija Ansari-Wright (Jeremy).

Muhammad held several positions in the community including Imam (minister) of the New Africa Learning Center in Hartford, assistant Imam of the Muhammad Islamic Center of Greater Hartford, President of the Greater Hartford NAACP, President of the African American Alliance, Treasurer of the African American Alliance, member of the Hartford Democratic Town Committee, chair of the Hartford Civilian Police Review Board, among other positions.

He retired as the Executive Director of the Open Hearth Association in 2010 and previously worked in a number of other positions including director of community relations at the Open Hearth, clinic supervisor at the Hartford Dispensary Methadone Clinic, and several positions at the Connecticut Department of Corrections. After retirement, he worked part-time for My People's Clinical Services.

He leaves to cherish his memory his relatives previously mentioned, his sister, Mary Lou Watts, two brothers, Sylvester Watts and Elijah Watts, and his mother in law, Adrienne Adams. He also leaves many grandchildren, great-grand children, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends and acquaintances from all walks of life. He was predeceased by both parents, Julia Mae Abrom Davis and Luther Watts, his brothers Mahmoud Ansari and Samuel Davis, his sisters Ethel Scudder, Joann Davis and Kellye Davis, as well as a special aunt Willie Lou Abrom. On Sunday, May 3, 2020 Abdul-Shahid Muhammad Ansari passed away in the comfort of his home surrounded by loved ones.

He will be remembered for his patience, humility and dedication to the community. May Allah grant him the reward of Paradise for his excellent example. Services are private, however, if you wish to leave a message of comfort for the Ansari family, please visit www.hkhfuneralservices.com Memorial contributions can be made to the Muhammad Islamic Center of Greater Hartford, 155 Hungerford St, Hartford, CT 06106 or the Greater Hartford NAACP, P.O. Box 1012, Hartford, CT, 06143.



Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues
Facing our Region & State
BY MIKE MCGARRY

**Connecticut Becomes
A One-Party State**

With all Federal representation, all State Constitutional offices and both house of the state legislature now solidly in the hands of the Democratic Party, one would think the Dems have it all in the “Nutmeg State”

Well, not quite yet. Solid Republican opposition to tolls certainly affected that argument. And respected, thoughtful leadership in the G.O.P. in both legislative bodies made for an effective opposition.

then 33,000. In the last election for governor, the Republican candidate lost by well over 40,000 votes, despite a modest Democratic candidate and a very unpopular incumbent Democratic governor.

Part of this downward trend is the movement south of the upper-middle and middle classes. Personally, we know of registered Democrats who liked and voted for former governor John Rowland. Now they're in Florida.

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Numbers tell the story of a shrinking base of those who register and vote Republican, conservative independents and Democrats. Let's just look at the trends over the years. Tom Foley loses by 7,000 votes,

Also, even die-hard supporters of the current president have had it with this state and its slow economic recovery, high taxes, regulations, high cost of living, etc. As these hard-boiled cases go, so goes the Republican base of cash and votes.

So, unless we see a new, bright class of G.O.P. stars come out, expect a long reign of left of center Democrats to drive even more Republicans and Republicrats south.



Hey Buddy, Get A Haircut!

Planting season has started on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. Mike McGarry (right) and a helper are shown here planting pansies in front of the West End's newest businesses, Ipresso 787, specializing in San Juan Coffee, ice lattes and wraps. The restaurant is located at 494-A Farmington Avenue, just west of the Sisson Avenue intersection.

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Letter to the Editor

Keep Walgreen's Open on Franklin Ave!

Dear Walgreens:

Please do not make any final decisions regarding our store on Franklin Avenue until you speak with all the stakeholders, including the thousands of customers affected and our local public officials. We cannot lose our store, and count on it daily to provide needed medications, personal hygiene, household and food supplies as well as greeting cards & gifts and so much more. I personally have been shopping at this store for more than 10 years, long before you bought out Rite Aid.


Please do not tell us we can go to a competitor – we like it here! Do not tell us to go to a different Walgreens – we don't have a car. My middle-aged body can still walk to this store in 14 minutes but now you want me to go farther. What happens in the middle of winter when it's 18 degrees outside and my neighbor's toddler catches a bug and needs Pedialyte? Most customers walk here and the Franklin store also has good parking and is right on the bus route. I can return from running other errands and get off the bus right in front of your store. I can pick up meds and do some shopping, then walk the rest of the way home. I would have to take 2 buses to get to Park & Washington.

One last question is why would Walgreens buy out Rite Aid, only to close a year or so later? Please think about all the customers you are leaving stranded. Maybe you should have never taken on the challenges of this neighborhood. Yes, I am terribly upset about the prospect of Walgreens not being within walking distance and I am ranting. I almost started crying in the store yesterday when I found out you plan to close. I feel for the customers but also for the wonderful front-line workers that I have come to love and worry about. They are great people – college students, hardworking mature mothers, first time moms and dads, always greeting us with a smile and helping us find what we need. These relationships are important and have kept many customers loyal through the years. Now some of your team members will lose their jobs, others will be coerced to work another location no matter how difficult or disruptive to their lives. And for what? All things considered; your bottom line is not worth it. What has more lasting value is team and customer loyalty as well as community investment and respect.

I will end as I began - please do not make any final decisions regarding our store on Franklin Avenue until you speak with all the stakeholders and evaluate the options. It would be a disservice to your customers, total disregard for your staff and a great loss for the community in general. Have a heart Walgreens!

Mary L. Sanders
Preston Street, Hartford


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RUSHING ROULETTE?

In spite of an increasing rate of infection, the “back to normal” movement is swelling

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Last week I reported on the lack of social distancing and the use of face coverings while in public, which is particularly prevalent in the south end area where I live. “Out of Order” focused on the congestion of hundreds of people gathered on Wethersfield Avenue, in either defiance or ignorance of the rules from both state and city against congregating in large numbers, in order to watch the parade of cars and motorcycles that created a chaotic scene and traffic problems on that street. The article generated a lot of attention and public comment, the vast majority of it from people who were

alarmed at the social distancing violations and appreciated the story. But there were some whose attitude was that people were tired of being stuck indoors, so it was only natural that they’d gather in public on a mild sunny day; no big deal, so what’s the problem? When Mayor Bronin got wind of what had occurred, he announced that he would begin closing some streets to parking and traffic on the following weekend. So last Sunday, there was a significant drop in vehicle activity, resulting in virtually no street congregating. I took a photo of the calm and car-less Wawarme Avenue that



was in sharp contrast to the one that ran with the article, and adding the caption “What a difference a week makes”, posted

it on the Hartford News Facebook page, as well as some other Hartford pages. And suddenly, the comments took a turn.

“Everyone needs to develop an immunity to it...it is not going away by social distancing or hiding in your cellar. Live your life again.”

“Wow! People being normal”

“That time is passed - open businesses - get everyone back to work. And

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Kids to Parks Day: Saturday, May 16



Map of Hartford showing parks and streets:

Streets: TOWER AVE, HOLCOMB ST, GRANBY ST, RIDGEFIELD ST, ALBANY AVE, ASYLUM AVE, FARMINGTON AVE, PROSPECT AVE, SISSON AVE, NEW PARK AVE, PARK ST, MAPLE AVE, FRANKLIN AVE, WETHERSFIELD AVE, WAWARME ST, BOND ST, NEW BRITAIN AVE.

Parks: Cronin Playground, Keney Park, Brackett Park & Anderson Ctr., Windsor St Park, DeLucco, Lozada Park, Sigourney Square, Keney Tower, Riverside Park, Elizabeth Park, Day Park, Pope Park North, Bushnell Park, Barnard Park, Colt Park, Rocky Ridge Park, Rice Heights Park, Hyland Park, Forster Hgts Park, Goodwin Park, Columbus Park.

Highways: 84, 91.

Waterways: CONNECTICUT RIVER, Charter Oak Lndg.

Compass: N, S, E, W.

This year the Hartford Park and Recreation Advisory Commission is offering a Park Bingo game for families to celebrate Kids to Park Day on Saturday, May 16th. You will need to use the bus (CT Transit buses are free), your bikes or some mode of transportation to get around Hartford. For some of them you will need you to bring your own equipment, for example an instrument, you can get creative! Make your own drum or maybe you have a kazoo.

You can do this on Saturday or spread it out over the week, there is no time constraint! Be sure to practice social distancing, wear your masks, only families or groups of 5 or less and wash your hands after a visit to the parks. Here is the link to get your own bingo card, mfb.us/m/w8s8m6.

The National Park Trust has organized some at-home activities to help bring the outdoors and parks to you, just go to <https://kidstoparks.parktrust.org/family-resources/>. Get out there and get some fresh air!

1.....Cronin Playground
2.....Keney Park
3.....Brackett Park/Kelvin
.....Anderson Center
4.....Windsor Street Park
5.....DeLucco Playground
6.....Julio Lozada Park
7.....Riverside Park
8.....Keney Clock Tower
9.....Sigourney Square Park
10Elizabeth Park
11.....Bushnell Park
12Day Park
13Pope Park North
14Pope Park
15Barnard Park (South Green)
16Colt Park
17Charter Oak Landing
18Rice Heights Park
19Hyland/Rocky Ridge Park
20Bond Street Parkette
21Forster Heights Park
22Goodwin Park
23Columbus Park



Hartford Public Library Distributes Free Books

Despite the Coronavirus Pandemic, Hartford Public Library (HPL) and Hartford Public Schools (HPS) are continuing to help improve children’s literacy in low-income neighborhoods across Hartford. Through its partnership with First Book, a nonprofit organization committed to distributing free books in low-income areas, HPL purchased over 2,000 books and has been giving them out at several of the HPS food distribution sites. With the library closed, the home of HPL Children’s Librarian Denise Martens (above) became the staging area for the packing of all those books. Once packed, Martens and the other children’s librarians picked the books up and brought them around the city. “We were really able to get quality books, diverse books – books kids want to read,” she said. Hartford has many of what have been described as “book deserts” – areas where books are rare in the home and access to purchasing them is extremely limited. A 2001 study noted that on average in a middle class community one child had access to 13 books. In poverty ridden neighborhoods similar to those found in Hartford, there was a single book for every 300 children. When the study was repeated in 2014, the results in low-income neighborhoods were even worse, with a single book being available for over 800 children, according to a 2016 article in The Atlantic. Children make the majority of their neurological connections through the age of three. Without a rich vocabulary that can only be augmented through engagement with print, children from low-income families will face another disadvantage. This book distribution is part of an ongoing effort. First Books gave HPL a grant for \$40,000 in the Fall of 2019 to be used for the purchase of new books. The library then partnered with nine Hartford schools located in low-income neighborhoods. Approximately 24,000 new books were given to Hartford schoolchildren over the course of this school year. The books were chosen by both students, looking for what they might like, and teachers trying to match the texts to a child’s literacy level.

Another Gangland-style Modern-day Lynching

COMMENTARY BY BILL KATZ

I have said this forever; that citizen’s arrest laws and stand your ground laws and NRA lobbying for open carry laws are all thinly-veiled, modern white supremacist KKK Jim Crow manifestations in the 21st century. It inspires citizens to think they are doing right but in reality, they are perpetuating a society of black lynching and this killing of a black man in Georgia is the culmination of that mentality.

It must end. It won’t end with our current political infrastructure dedicated to oppress and kill. It likely won’t even end when the November elections bring a hoped-for political change. It hasn’t before.

I am a white man but I know that in my heart, I don’t know how angry

This murder of Ahmaud Arbery by Gregory McMichael and Travis McMichael, father and son in Georgia would never have come to light without a simple digital stream of the tragic event.

I would be, how threatened I would feel if I were a person of color and living in this society that refuses to acknowledge the perpetuation of these wrongs and work to effectively end them. We are witness to these killings over and over and fortunately everyone has a digital recorder to prove that these atrocities actually occur.

This murder of Ahmaud Arbery by Gregory McMichael and Travis McMichael, father and son in Georgia would never have come to light without a simple digital stream of the tragic event. Police are more prone to cover up killings especially when one of their own, even though a retired police detective, committed the crime.

What does this say to you? It says to me that we live in a very frightful world in which those unseen forces want to continue the horror led in no small part by the NRA which represents the blood profits of the gun industry. It says to me that we are currently led in government by a hateful man who inspires this kind of behavior of mass murder and individual killings. It says to me that after decades of attempting to end our violent-prone past, that we are right back to square one.

Citizen’s arrest laws date to a time in our distant past when there were no local police forces to arrest and detain a suspect. That was hundreds of years ago. This is the 21st century.



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HOUSEHOLD PLAN OF ACTION TO DEAL WITH THE CORONAVIRUS

The World Health Organization has classified coronavirus as a pandemic, and they expect the number of cases will increase in the weeks ahead. Every household should take basic steps, like washing hands and minimizing unnecessary contact, and every household should also create a Household Plan of Action.

TALK ...with people who need to be included in your plan. Talk to family and friends about the needs of each person if a coronavirus outbreak occurs in your community, and create a list of chronic health conditions people have. An outbreak is when a large number of people suddenly get sick.	CALL ...Hartford HealthCare's 24-hour, bilingual hotline at 860-972-8100 if you are concerned you have coronavirus symptoms, like fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Do not go to a hospital without calling, unless there is a medical emergency.
DO ...the basics to reduce the chance you get sick, like washing your hands well, avoiding touching your face, and avoiding unnecessary contact with others. 	PLAN ...ways to care for those who are at greater risk, including older people and people of any age with chronic health conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease. Consult with your health care provider for more information about monitoring your health.
LISTEN ...watch, and read. Pay attention to the news every day. TV, radio, print, and online news sources will have regular updates. Please go to Coronavirus.gov for the latest information from medical experts.	MAKE ...a current list of emergency contacts for family, friends, healthcare providers, schools, employers, and other community resources.

For the latest information about coronavirus/covid-19 in the United States, visit: www.Coronavirus.gov

24/7/365 Help Line Now Available for Domestic Violence Victims

From the Office of State Representative Minnie Gonzalez

The COVID-19/Coronavirus public health emergency has created safety implications for residents across the state. With the implementation of social distancing and shelter-in-place orders, there is an increased risk of domestic violence as vulnerable residents become further isolated and additional pressures develop that may exacerbate an already abusive relationship.

To connect those who may be experiencing domestic violence

with services, resources, and assistance the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) created CT Safe Connect.

Safe Connect is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a week via:

- Call or text: 888-774-2900
 - Email: safeconnect@ctcadv.org
 - Web chat : (<https://app.purechat.com/w/CTSafeConnect>)
- This network has helped callers



with concerns relating to accessing basic needs, rent/mortgage payments, food insecurity, and emotional/mental well-being. CCADV and its members have also assisted victim-survivors in filing temporary restraining orders through the Connecticut Judicial Branch's online system. Safe Connect and CCADV's partners helped filed 46 percent of all TRO applications filed statewide in April.

Celebrate National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month and its a great way stay fit, enjoy the sights of Greater Hartford and maintain social distancing regulations all along.

To celebrate, take a bike month selfie, and tag it on social media (#HartfordBikeMonth, #HartfordBikeMonth, #RideItOut, #BiCiCo. Don't forget your mask.

You can also get a free bike light at Bici Co on 97 Park Street, Hartford. Tues, Wed, Fri: 12 – 6 PM, Sat: 10 AM – 6 PM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Edwin Valentin (20-00383)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated May 12, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

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Francesca Knerr, Esq., Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Joseph Forastiere 35 August Road Simsbury, CT 06070

John Forastiere c/o Teresa Capalbo Kenny, Brimmer & Mahoney, LLC 78 Beaver Road, Suite 2G Wethersfield, CT 06109

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Amado Castillo (20-00381)

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The fiduciary is: John Castillo Santana 202 Harvard Street Hartford, CT 06114

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Le domande devono essere indirizzate per iscritto allo staff CRCOG appropriato come indicato nella richiesta di offerta. Le dichiarazioni di qualificazione devono essere ricevute da CRCOG entro e non oltre le 15:00 di mercoledì 17 giugno 2020. Le risposte ricevute dopo tale data e ora non saranno prese in considerazione.

CRCOG RFQ

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is seeking assistance with the development of an implementation strategy for transit priority corridors within the Capitol Region. An RFQ including a preliminary scope of work, minimum firm requirements, and submission instructions may be found on the CRCOG website at <http://crcog.org/rfprfq/>.

Questions should be directed in writing to the appropriate CRCOG staff as indicated in the RFQ. Statements of qualifications must be received by CRCOG no later than 3:00pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Responses received after this date and time will not be considered.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Donald L. Jackson (20-00373)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated May 7, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Miriam L. Jackson c/o Kristen Stewart Barbarotta, Johnson, Dowe Brown, & Barbarotta, LLC 22 Elm Street Windsor, CT 06095

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“It is for your own safety said Hitler. People do NOT need permission from the government to live their lives. This is a government FOR the people and BY the people, NOT the other way around.”

“Time for the lies to stop! Time to start living life normal again. Those that are comorbidity can stay home. Time for schools to open and people to return to their jobs.”

“Can’t expect people to stay indoors indefinitely, especially once it gets hot. It’s not natural, nor is it healthy.”

I’ve been very clear more than once, stating that people should spend time outside, especially in good weather. Just continue to practice social distancing and wear a mask/face covering when that isn’t possible. So what’s really going on here?

Well, we have a president who has called

this pandemic a “hoax,” and that’s been latched onto by the “Open up America!” vigilantes, armed and in combat dress. There’s some commonality between them and the “anti-vaccination” crowd. Then there are the conspiracy theorists and the survivalists, who fear that the poor and disenfranchised will invade their turf looking for handouts or shelter during the pandemic, and it’s the kill or be killed mindset. We have business owners both large and small who see profits dwindling in the first case, and the threat of permanent closure in the second. On the health front, there’s a movement afoot in the White House to disavow or ignore the theories of Dr. Anthony Fauci and the CDC as to the threat of a huge spike in COVID-19 cases and deaths if business and school re-openings are too much, too soon. I believe that Governor Lamont, who is probably well-intentioned, is still being incautious in his plans to gradually reopen the state, which he bases on available data of day-to-day positive Coronavirus tests and deaths. There’s no way those numbers can be accurate, due to the thousands and thousands of Connecticut residents who remain untested. I suspect the extreme number of deaths among nursing home residents isn’t all that alarming to the folks in charge, because as always, the elderly are considered by many to be expendable

merely because they’ve already lived for 6 or 7 decades. The numbers of obituaries being published are off the charts.

Here’s the thing: Right now, in Hartford and elsewhere, many people of low-to-moderate income have suddenly found themselves with thousands of additional dollars due to government stimulus payments, and an extra \$600 a week tacked on to unemployment benefits. They want to spend that money AND the local, state, and federal governments want them to spend it, but the number of places where one can do so is limited. That’s the motivation to open up, right there. I don’t believe it’s in the best interest of the public health. Maybe a little outdoor dining would be okay, and haircuts by appointment only. But malls and nail salons, and tanning salons, and gyms? Nothing that could even vaguely be considered “essential” there. I’m glad to be well beyond the age of having schoolchildren at home, because I’d hate to be faced with that dilemma come August; send or don’t send?

The feeling of deprivation is very real for just about all of us. Some feel deprived of the “right” to gather in large groups to socialize and party; to hang out at the bar; to use the park playscapes and swimming pools and basketball courts; to dance at the clubs; to shop ‘til you drop. I’m truly sorry that stu-

dents lost the opportunity to hold graduations, proms, and end of school year festivities, but in the big picture those are small sacrifices.

Here’s the real deprivation: The right to be present and give comfort and companionship to loved ones who are ill or dying. The right to hold faith-based worship services, weddings, and funerals. The right of fathers or other family members to be present for the birth of a child. I am not ready to give up my right to feel safe doing everyday activities, when doing so is still endangered by the scoffers and deniers who continue to insist upon their “right” to do whatever the hell they please, and damn the consequences. Selfish, short-sighted, and in some instances...just plain old stupid.

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George Sidney Sprague
(20-00317)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated May 8, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Carmen Y. Zayas,
Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Christopher B. Sprague
c/o Matthew J Lefevre,
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38 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105

El Informativo Latino

La ciudad de Hartford ha formado cinco grupos de trabajo de recuperación ante la crisis del COVID-19

La Ciudad de Hartford anunció que ha formado cinco grupos de trabajo de recuperación para proporcionar recomendaciones prácticas a corto plazo que ayudarán a la Ciudad a reiniciarse de manera responsable y construir una comunidad más equitativa y resistente. La Ciudad anticipa que las recomendaciones iniciales serán hechas por los grupos de trabajo para fin de mes, y también ayudarán a asesorar a la Ciudad sobre los planes de recuperación a largo

plazo.

Los cinco grupos de trabajo se centrarán en: salud pública; oportunidad económica y comercial; arte, cultura, recreación y fe; vivienda y necesidades básicas; niños, jóvenes y familias (con dos subgrupos, uno enfocado en educación y aprendizaje temprano y otro enfocado en empleo juvenil y recreación). “Estamos en un momento crítico y delicado en este momento mientras luchamos contra una crisis de salud pública en curso mientras hacemos

todo lo posible para asegurarnos de que nuestra comunidad pueda recuperarse de la manera más completa y rápida posible”, dijo el Alcalde Luke Bronin. “Muchas decisiones sobre la reapertura se tomarán a nivel estatal, y el Gobernador Lamont está abordando ese proceso de manera reflexiva y deliberada. También tendremos que tomar muchas decisiones a nivel local, y debemos aprovechar la experiencia, los conocimientos y la sabiduría de una amplia gama de miembros de la comunidad y partes interesadas a medida que tomamos esas decisiones. Agradezco a todos los que han aceptado participar en estos grupos de trabajo para ayudarnos a avanzar hacia la reapertura y recuperación de una manera responsable”.

“Nos hemos enfrentado al coronavirus como una comunidad, y así es como vamos a abordar el proceso de reapertura y recuperación, juntos”, dijo Maly D. Rosado, Presidente del Concejo Municipal. “Estos grupos de trabajo se centrarán en las áreas claves de la vida en nuestra comunidad, y están for-

mados por muchas personas que están trabajando muy duro para apoyar y servir a nuestros residentes. Les agradezco a todos por el trabajo que hacen todos los días y por su disposición para servir a su Ciudad. Esperamos que, como Concejo Municipal, participe en este proceso y trabaje con el Alcalde Bronin para desarrollar recomendaciones que ayudarán a nuestros residentes, negocios y visitantes a comenzar el proceso de reapertura de una manera segura y responsable.”

El Alcalde Bronin y la Presidente del Concejo Rosado servirán como miembros ex officio de cada grupo de trabajo, y cada grupo de trabajo tendrá dos representantes del Concejo de la Ciudad. La Fundación Hartford for Public Giving tendrá representación en cada uno de los grupos de trabajo.

Los grupos de trabajo están compuestos por las personas y organizaciones a continuación, aunque son posibles algunos cambios:

Salud Pública

Presidida por el Dr. Wisdom Powell, Director del Instituto de Disparidades de Salud de UConn Health

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Presidido por Rich Hollant, Director, CO: LAB y Presidente de la Comisión de Asuntos Culturales de la Ciudad

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HABLE ...con personas que necesitan ser incluidas en su plan. Hable con familiares y amigos sobre las necesidades de cada persona si la pandemia de coronavirus ocurre en su comunidad. Haga una lista de personas con condiciones de salud crónica. Una pandemia es cuando una gran cantidad de personas se enferma de repente.	LLAME ...Hartford HealthCare ofrece las 24 horas una línea directa bilingüe al 860-972-8100 si está preocupado y tiene síntomas de coronavirus, como fiebre, tos y falta de aire, dificultad al respirar. No vaya a un hospital sin llamar, a menos que sea una emergencia médica.
HAGA ...lo básico para reducir la posibilidad de que usted se enferme, como lavarse las manos bien, evitar tocarse la cara y evitar contacto innecesario con otros.	PLAEE ...maneras de cuidar a los que están en mayor riesgo, incluyendo personas mayores y personas de cualquier edad con condiciones de salud crónicas como enfermedad cardíaca, diabetes y enfermedad en los pulmones. Consulte con su proveedor de salud para más información sobre como monitorear su salud.
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Para obtener la información más actualizada sobre coronavirus/covid-19 en los Estados Unidos visite www.Coronavirus.gov



Take A Walk Around...Pope Park

Bicycle manufacturer Albert Pope left the land for what is now Pope Park as a gift to his workers. Originally, the park was a homegeneous whole centered on the south branch of the Park River. But then most of the river was placed in an underground conduit (see map above). About 20 years later I-84 was built straight through the park, cutting off its western edge. As a result, Pope Park today is a study in contrasts. The southeast corner is well-maintained and heavily used, containing the Arroyo Recreation Center; an outdoor pool,a pond, playscape, soccer field and a new Little League baseball diamond. The Bankside section of the park, north of Park Street, and the area of the park along the Park River has returned pretty much to their natural states and provide a home for various kind of wildlife. The extreme northern end of the park (locally known as “Baby Pope”) is centered around a popular playscape area. A walk around the entire park is about two miles, but you can make choose several different paths, depending on which part of the park you’d like to visit.